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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

EDGAR B CAHOON ET AL.

CASE NO.: BB1168 US NA

APPLICATION NO.: 09/699,652

GROUP ART UNIT: 1638

FILED: 30 OCTOBER 2000

EXAMINER: E. F. MCELWAIN

FOR: TRIACYLGLYCEROL LIPASES

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 25, 2002, and before examination on the merits, please amend the above-referenced application as follows and consider the following remarks. The Office Action set forth a one month shortened statutory period of response. A Petition for Extension of Time for two (2) months up to and including September 25, 2002 is filed simultaneously herewith.

Please charge any fees or credit any overpayment of fees which are required in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company).

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 22, 23, 24, and 30-37 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend claims 16-21, 25-27, and 38 as follows:

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16. (amended) An isolated polynucleotide comprising: (a) a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide having triacylglycerol lipase activity, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence of at least 80% sequence identity, based on the Clustal method of alignment, when compared to SEQ ID NO:12; or (b) a complement of the nucleotide sequence, wherein the complement and the nucleotide sequence consist of the same number of nucleotides and are 100% complementary.